unearthed during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The manufacture of Drugs without a valid Licence is an offence under Section 18 (c) of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. If any person/company is found manufacturing drug without a licence, action is taken by the State Licensing Authority under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Appropriate action is taken wherever an instance of unlicensed company manufacturing drugs comes to light.

National Award for Women in Public Sector undertakings

4384. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a National Award for Women in public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any criteria has been laid down for selection of women recipients;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have any other programme to encourage women entrepreneurs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d). The Department of Women and Child Development has no proposal to introduce a National Award for Women in Public Sector undertakings.

(e) and (f). The Department of Women & Child Development is implementing a Scheme for setting up of Women's Development Corporations. One of the functions of the Corporations is to develop entrepreneurship amongst women.

The Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) also conducts training courses for the development of women entrepreneurs, identification of export markets, export procedures, documentation etc. The Small Industry Development Bank of India has introduced "Mahila Udyog Nidhi Scheme" which provides equity assistance to provides machinery to women entrepreneure at concessional rates on hire purchase basis.

Family Planning Award by U.S.A.

4385. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Population Crisis Committee of U.S.A. has awarded first prize to India for spreading the message of family planning among its people since early eighties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure that the tempo of voluntary family planning drive launched in the country remains high in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. DEVI SIDDHARTHA):(a) and (b). As per the Press Report (The Times of India dated 31st January,1992, and Hindustan Times dated 5th

February, 1992) India and four other countries namely, Thailand, Colombia, Morocco and Kenya have been commended by the Population Crises Committee, which is a non-Governmental organised based in the USA, for spreading the message of family planning amongst their people in an effective manner since the early eighties. No formal intimation has, however, been received till date.

(c) (i) The Department of Family Welfare has formulated in close consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories Administration, an Action Plan to impart a new thrust and dynamism to the Family Planning Programme in the country. This Action Plan is being operationalised.

(ii)A Committee of the National Development Council has been constituted to go into all aspects of the population control policies and strategies and make appropriate recommendations for formulating a National Population Policy and designing suitable strategies and interventions for implementation of the population control programmes on a holistic and multi-sectoral basis.

(iii) Population control has been identified as one of the thrust areas during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[*Translation*]

Eradication of Malaria and Kalaazar

4386. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Malaria Se Her Minute Do Bachche Marte hain" appearing in the 'Navbharat Times' dated January 24, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the areas which are more susceptible to malaria and the number of persons died of malaria during the year 1990-91; and

(d) whether the government have formulated any plan to eradicate dreadful diseases like malaria and Kalazar:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government has seen the news-item captioned Malaria Se Her Minute Do Bachche Marte hain" appearing in the Navbharat Times dated Jan. 24, 1992". The news-item is based on a WHO report relating to over all situation in the world. The WHO has stated that 2 children die due to Malaria in the entire world mostly in Africa and South of Sahara.

(c) As per the information available in the forest areas predominantly inhabited by the tribal population in North Eastern States, project areas are more susceptible to Malaria. During 1990 there were a total of 348 deaths in India due to Malaria as per reports received from the State/U.T. Health Authorities. 1991, 86 deaths (Provisional) have been reported due to Malaria.

(d) Malaria – The modified plan of operation under National Malaria Pradication Programme was launched in 1977 with the following steps:–

- Selective judicious residual insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticide.
- Fortnightly surveillance for detection and treatment of cases.
- Bio-environmental control methods through minor engineering modification in rural areas and anti-larval